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TAGS: EWWT, SENV, US, PN

SUBJECT: GOP POSITION ON GRAVEL AMENDMENT CONCERNING SEA-LEVEL CANAL STUDY

REF: STATE 170975

1. FYI ONLY. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT PRINTED HEARINGS OF PANAMA CANAL SUBCOMMITTEE CONCERNING SEA-LEVEL CANAL STUDY (REFTEL) WILL INCLUDE LETTER FROM PANAMANIAN CHARGE BILONICK TO SENATOR GRAVEL DATED JUNE 26.

2. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR SENATOR GRAVEL:

PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST AND WITHOUT ANY DESIGNS TO INTERVENE IN THE DEBATE WHICH IS PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE AROUND THE GRAVEL MAGNUM AMENDMENT TO AN ACT AUTHORIZATION (SIC)  
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CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS ON RIVERS FOR NAVIGATION (HR 8309), I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO REPLY TO YOU AS FOLLOWS:  
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THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA IS INTERESTED IN THE COMPLETION OF A JOINT STUDY WHICH WILL UPDATE THE ATLANTIC-PACIFIC

INTEROCEANIC CANAL STUDY COMMISSION REPORT AND EVALUATE  
THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS CONSIDERED, THE  
FEASABILITY OF A SEA LEVEL CANAL. (SIC)

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE ASSURANCES OF MY  
HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED R.A. BILONICK-PAREDES  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES END QUOTE. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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